



ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL

Lindsey A. Perry, Auditor General

May 28, 2026

Sent via email

Governing Board
Sunnyside Unified School District
2238 E. Ginter Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85706

Dear Members of the Board:

We have reviewed Sunnyside Unified School District's (District) financial audit reports and *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2025, prepared by Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C., which indicates that the District has not complied with the USFR. We have attached a list of the most significant USFR compliance deficiencies we noted in these reports.

We provided separately to you and District management a corrective action plan template that includes these deficiencies. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §15-271, District management should implement corrective actions within 90 days after the date of this letter.

Please be advised, the District has assumed accounting responsibility pursuant to A.R.S. §15-914.01. If we determine the District has not implemented corrective actions to maintain accounting standards as provided by the USFR and the Arizona State Board of Education finds the District in noncompliance as provided in A.R.S. § 15-272, the District is no longer eligible to participate in the accounting responsibility program.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Votroubek, Accountability Services Division Manager, or me at asd@azauditor.gov or (602) 977 2796.

Sincerely,

Meghan L. Hieger

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Director, Accountability Services Division

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cc: Jose Gastelum, Superintendent
Karla Walter, Chief Financial Officer
Sunnyside Unified School District
The Honorable Dustin Williams, Pima County School Superintendent
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Arizona State Board of Education
Art Harding, Chief Operations Officer
Nicole von Prisk, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Grants Management
Arizona Department of Education